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This show aims to encourage discourse about face masks and face coverings during 2020, especially how quickly our culture shifts in times of turbulence and uncertainty. In many ways, the year 2020 has challenged our assumptions about our freedom to breathe. Consider the phrase 'I can't breathe.' Does it mean the same thing to a person persecuted for the color of the skin, as it does to someone battling an incurable virus attacking their lungs? What does it mean to those of us tasked with watching our loved ones suffer under those different circumstances?

Are masks a sign of oppression (gas masks worn on a battlefield or by law enforcement officers, for example,) or a sign of love and courtesy (like a cloth mask sewn by a mother for her child?) What emotions are evoked when you consider how you felt about masks last year, compared to how you feel about them now?

As we continue to navigate the new and complex landscape of COVID-19, we find ourselves faced with quickly changing cultural and social norms. Prior to the emergence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, face masks and face coverings carried certain connotations. Masked figures have been associated with crime, vigilantism, and the immunosuppressed. Wearing a mask is still illegal in many states. And yet almost overnight, our expectations and feelings around masks were challenged.



*Eric Conrad
David Douglass
Thomas Elliott
Brent Fagg
Rose Guterbock
David Hannon
Rod Hemming
Pat Jarrett
Iris M. Kirkwood Kibbe
Kent Klaudt
Barry Koplen
Anne McInnis
Edward Miller
Juliette Montague
Alissa Ohashi
McClain Percy
Alison Profeta
Mike Pugh
Raggio Raggio
Joan Ranzini
Bella Rinne
Jennifer Shepherd
Cindy Stockton Moore
Miriam Todd
Page Turner
Kelley Van Dilla
Lauren Walke
Joey Warren
Jennifer Weigel
Fredric Witkin*



Household Group
 Oil on Paper
 David Hannon
 Muncie, Indiana



Partisan Behavior
 Oil on Paper
 David Hannon
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